

Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application respectfully is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 22-25 and 32-35 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of a parenthetical expression at the end of claim 22 and 24 and reference to "recycling material" and "same quality" in claims 32 and 34. Claims 22, 24, 32 and 34 have been amended to eliminate the parenthetical expression and reference to "recycling material" and "same quality". The rejection therefore no longer is applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 16-19 and 26-29 under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over *Huang*. The rejection respectfully is traversed.

Claims 16 has been amended to clarify by positive recitation that the desiccant, which the first accommodating portion accommodates, is an element of the invention, and claim 26 has been amended to clarify by positive recitation that the drying agent, which the first accommodating portion accommodates, is an element of the invention. Thus, the first accommodating portion or the claimed invention is not an element with merely an intended use as asserted by the Examiner, but an actual use to accommodate another element of the invention, namely the desiccant or drying agent. *Huang* clearly fails to disclose this feature of the invention.

The apparatus of the invention is a carrier reel that, as described in the specification, may be used during the manufacture of an electronic device to carry electronic components. In order to protect the electronic components from the effects of humidity, the carrier wheel of the invention includes a desiccant or drying

agent. The desiccant or drying agent is conveniently provided in accommodating portions formed in a hub portion of the carrier reel.

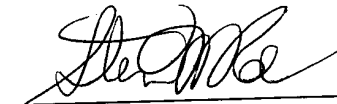
*Huang* nowhere shows or suggests a carrier wheel that includes a desiccant or drying agent in an accommodating portion of a hub portion of a carrier wheel. To the contrary, and as appears to be acknowledged by the Examiner, hollow portions of a "hub portion" 4, which the Examiner asserts are "inherently capable of being used" to accommodate a desiccant or drying agent, do not in fact accommodate a desiccant or drying agent. They are in fact hollow, and there is no suggestion anywhere in the disclosure that a desiccant or drying agent be provided in such hollow portions.

Independent claims 16 and 26, and dependent claims 17-19 and 27-29 as well, therefore clearly neither are anticipated by nor rendered obvious over *Huang*, and the rejection accordingly should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 16-35 earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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